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Reasoned statement with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability;
citations and explanations supporting such statement

1 Reference is made to the following documents:

D1: WO 01/06740 A (STARVOX, INC) 25 January 2001 (2001-01-25)

D2: WO 00/33519 A (SIMON, THOR) 8 June 2000 (2000-06-08)

2 INDEPENDENT CLAIM 1

The present application fails to satisfy the requirements of PCT Article 33(1) because the subject matter of claim 1 is not novel within the meaning of PCT Article 33(2).

Document D1 discloses (the references in brackets relate to D1):

adapter unit including a channel send/receive unit which sends signaling data to an exchange of a circuit-switched telecommunications network and which receives signaling data from the exchange,

a data packet send/receive unit which at least in a normal operating mode sends data packets into a data packet transfer network and which receives data packets from the data packet transfer network,

(cf. page 3, lines 1-11 and page 8, line 16 to page 9, line 12)

and a data insertion/extraction unit which at least in a normal operating mode inserts signaling data coming from the channel receive unit into data packets and forwards them to the data packet send unit and which extracts signaling data from data packets that are received from the data packet receive unit and forwards it to the channel send unit,

(cf. page 10, lines 1-6)

and an operating mode switchover unit which, in the event of a fault on the side of the data packet transfer network or in the event of a fault in a telecommunication system operating on the data packet transfer network, switches over into an emergency operating mode in which telecommunication via the circuit-switched

telecommunications network is ensured.

(cf. page 3, lines 12-18 and page 21, line 3 to page 23, line 4).

Consequently, the subject matter of claim 1 is not novel; PCT Article 33(1) and (2).

3 INDEPENDENT CLAIM 8

The present application fails to satisfy the requirements of PCT Article 33(1) because the subject matter of claim 8 is not novel within the meaning of PCT Article 33(2).

Document D2 discloses (the references in brackets relate to D2):

a method for operating a telecommunications network, including the following steps being executed in a normal operating mode:

*receiving signaling data of a circuit-switched telecommunications network,
tunneling (160, 190) the received signaling data via a data packet transfer network,
processing the tunneled signaling data in a telecommunication system in accordance
with a signaling protocol.*

(cf. page 5, lines 4-10 and page 6, lines 3-13).

Consequently, the subject matter of claim 8 is not novel; PCT Article 33(1) and (2).

- 4 The dependent claims 2-7, 9-17 contain no additional features which, combined with the features of any claim to which they refer, meet the PCT requirements for novelty; see documents D1 and D2 and the relevant passages specified in the Search Report.